

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A cover for block carton, comprising
  - a first surface and a second surface;
  - a preferably rectangular bottom panel-(3) with four sides and having a front and an opposed rear side panel-(2, 6) and two opposed end side panels-(4, 5), wherein each of the side panels has a length like the corresponding side of the bottom panel, wherein a side panel or end side panel is connected to a side on a lid panel-(7), wherein the lid panel is preferably provided with one or more lid flaps along the remaining sides of the lid, and wherein the side panels preferably comprise corner segments-(14) arranged in correspondence with the corners of the bottom panel;
  - wherein the first surface comprises a first coating being essentially impermeable to water vapour; and ✓
  - wherein the second surface comprises a second coating having a large number of comparatively small pinhole openings; characterised in that the first coating is selected from among the group consisting of water-based and hardenable/setting varnishes; and wherein the second coating is a paraffin coating.

2. (Original) A cover for a block carton according to claim 1, wherein the first and the second coating are in the form of a finish in a water-insoluble form.

3. (Currently Amended) A cover for a block carton according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein a finish-coated side is provided with a visual indication.

4. (Currently Amended) A cover for a block carton according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the openings in the second coating has an average size corresponding to a diameter of less than 5 mm, preferably less than 3 mm, and most preferably less than 1 mm.

5. (Currently Amended) A cover for a block carton according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the openings in the second coating preferably constitute less than 20 percent of the total surface, more preferably less than 10% and most preferably less than 5 percent.

6. (New) A cover for a block carton according to claim 2, wherein a finish-coated side is provided with a visual indication.

7. (New) A cover for a block carton according to claim 2, wherein the openings in the second coating has an average size corresponding to a diameter of less than 5 mm, preferably less than 3 mm, and most preferably less than 1 mm.

8. (New) A cover for a block carton according to claim 3, wherein the openings in the second coating has an average size corresponding to a diameter of less than 5 mm, preferably less than 3 mm, and most preferably less than 1 mm.

9. (New) A cover for a block carton according to claim 2, wherein the openings in the second coating preferably constitute less than 20 percent of the total surface, more preferably less than 10% and most preferably less than 5 percent.

10. (New) A cover for a block carton according to claim 3, wherein the openings in the second coating preferably constitute less than 20 percent of the total surface, more preferably less than 10% and most preferably less than 5 percent.

11. (New) A cover for a block carton according to claim 4, wherein the openings in the second coating preferably constitute less than 20 percent of the total surface, more preferably less than 10% and most preferably less than 5 percent.